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EIGHTEENTH DAX.

Monday, May 19, 1884.

The House met at 1 P. N. and approved.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Kamakele presented a petition from Makawao praying that all uative Hawaiians who think they have sufficient knowledge to cure leprosy, be allowed to practice. Referred to Sanitary Committee.

Mr. Rowell presented a petition from Wai mea, Kauai bearing 83 signatures praying that a resident physician be appointed for that district. Referred to Sanitary Committee.

Mr. Kaulukou presented a petition from Honolulu praying that the fee of \$8 per week for stalls in the fish market be remitted after purchase by auction. Laid on table until a bill is introduced to alter the present

Mr. Nahinu presented a petition from South Kona praying that boarding schools for boys and girls be established throughout the Kingdom. Referred to Education Com-

Mr. Gardner presented a petition from Hana, Maui, praying that the resident physident in that district be discharged. Referred to Sanitary Committee,

Mr. Kalna presented a petition from Hana. Maui, praying that \$3,500 be appropriated for a bridge at Kapea and Waiohinu. Hana, Mani. Referred to Committee on Public Lands, etc.

Mr. Gardner presented a petition from Hana, Mani, praying that the Read Supervisor for that district be removed. Referred to Committee on Public Lands, etc.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Frank Brown gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to amend Section 18, Chapter 41 of the Session Laws of 1876, relating to currency.

Mr. Aholo gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to promote the mail communication between the Hawaiian Islands and the United States.

Mr. Aholo read for the first time a bill to provide for the filling of Government offices rendered vacant by various causes. Passed to second reading.

Mr. Godfrey Brown moved that the Finance Committee be empowered to summon people to give information if requisite and also to compel the production of certain documents, and to seek clerical assistance if necessary.

Mr. Kaulukou asked for an explanation of the object of this resolution.

Mr. Brown stated that the resolution eaplained itself. If clerical labor were employed it would not cost 1-10 of what it had during former sessions. Motion carried.

The Minister of the Interior read for the first time a bill to authorize the purchase of certain lands known as "Honolulu Hale" and "Leahi" (Diamond Head) \$27,000 for the former, and \$3,300 for the latter. Passed to second reading.

The Attorney-General read for the first time a bill to create commissioners of posice and to establish regulations for the government of the police of the Kingdom.

The Attorney-General said that he did not consider the bill by any means perfect and he was therefore in favor of its being referred to a Committee. It ought to be printed so that each member of the Committee should have a copy of it and study it, and thereby it could be amended to satisfy the needs of the country.

Bill ordered to be printed and referred to the Committe of 13 having similar matters under consideration.

Mr. Dole gave notice of a bill to amend the Patent Laws.

Also a bill to repeal Chapter 29 of the Session Laws of 1882 authorizing a lean.

Also a bill to regulate the currency.

Mr. Smith moved that the Minister of Finance lay before the Assembly copies of his report in the Hawaiian language. Carried

Mr. Godfrey Brown moved that the Auditor-General state to the Assembly whether he has complied with Session Laws of 1882 in that he has not engaged in any profession whatsoever. Carried.

Mr. Kaulukou gave notice of his intention of introducing a bill authorizing the construction of a tramway through certain streets of Honolulu.

Also of an amendment to the existing opium law.

Mr. Nawahi gave notice of a bill relating to the construction of railroads.

Mr. Nawahi read for the first time a bill relating to the introduction of explosive substances in the Kingdom. Bill passed to sec.

ond reading. Mr. Frank Brown read for the first time a bill relating to the observance of the Sab-

bath. Read a second time by its title. Mr. Kalua moved the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Kapena moved that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On the ayes and noes being called the motion to indefinitely postpone was carried by a vote of 27 to 16.

Mr. Kean moved a re-consideration of the | the ensuing biennial period. Referred to |

The Attorney-General said be voted with the minority. It was hoped that no mem- amend Section I of the Act relating to diber would introduce any frivolous measure. vorce. The object of the introducer must be considered to be a fair and good one, and it is hardly giving the Hon. Member a fair chance by first choking off debate by moving the previous question and then indefinitely postponing the bill. He had not even had Minutes of Thursday's proceedings read time to compare the bill with the existing

> law. He presumed that the first measure of legislators was to vote intelligently. He, for one, could not unless he knew something about the bill. On the face of the bill he saw no objection to it, but on principle.there might be strenuous objections raised io it. Why not let the Judiciary Committee report on it? The bill may be two sweeping. If amendments were necessary to the old Act, it would bring it before the House. He hoped the bill would go to a committee and asked the introducer to renew the motion to that effect.

Mr. Isenberg was in favor of the bill being referred to a committee. He pointed out that it is against the law at the present time to have barber's shops open on Sundays but they are open. He did not think it necessary to have the markets open.

Mr. Frank Brown stated that his reason for introducing the Act was that the law as at present was broken every Sunday. In the out of town districts it was administered very strictly. There the people were not treated fairly or the same as residents in the city. If he was not mistaken it was only recently that a steamer came in and sailed again on a Sunday, after discharging and loading freight. The law was against any work whatsoever being done on Sunday. It was broken by nearly everybody, by their riding about in carriages on the Sabbath. Still, parties offending were not arrested. He asked, "what was the use if a law if it was not enforced?" Every Sunday there were families going out of town pic-nicing-that is against the law but there was no harm in it. He considered it did people good to go up in the mountains and roam about; it was better than remaining in town. Without wasting the further time of the Assembly, he would renew his motion to commit the bill to a Special Committee.

Mr. Aholo knew what he was voting about. If they made a law and it was not carried out, it was not their fault. He was in favor of its being indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Dole said he was satisfied whether they pass the bill or not, the old law needs some modification. The present law is antiquated, impracticable and foolish. As the honorable member for Waianae said, what use having a law if it is not kept? It not only created contempt for the law, but also contempt for the object of the law. Now, here is a law relating to the observance of the Sabbath, which is not kept or attempted to be kept, except when a few Chinamen break it in the outer districts. In Honolulu, the merchants, bankers, and rich men can break it and do break it to the full extent every Sunday with impunity. The Statute calls upon all sheriffs to see that the law is kept. They do not do it. They only arrest the poor man, and let the rich man go. He read Section 5. Chapter 35 of the Penal Code as follows: "All marshals, sheriff's, constables and other public officers shall enquire into and inform of all offenses in violation of the provisions of this Chapter, and shall cause the same to be carried into effect." This statute is ineffective on account of its being unreasonably severe. Not only amusement, but recreation is forbidden. A man may not ride on horseback or in a carriage for recreation. He doubted very much if he could take a walk without violating the law. According to the law no meat or provisions except milk could be provided on the Sabbath. By a person going to the Hawaiian Hetel and sitting there, he broke the law. The religious people break the law inasmuch as they ride to church. They keep men working all day grooming

their horses and cooking their food. He wanted a statute enacted for the poor man as well as for the rich man, and one that could be carried out. He did not believe in all the Sections of the Bill. It might want some amendments and some additions. It was a mistake to indefinitely postpone the bill. If they could increase the happiness and peace of the poor people by changing the statute they sught to do it for the sake of

ing referred to a Committee.

After further debate the vote was again postponed by a vote of 24 to 19.

Mr. Widemann moved that a certain petition concerning the mounted police be referred to the Committee of 13. Carried.

Mr. Hitchcock read for first time a bill to provide for a police justice in the district of Lihue, Kauai. Passed to second reading.

Mr. Kanealii read for the first time a bill relating to the remission of school tax to parents having five or more children. Re ferred to Committee on Education.

Mr. Richardson gave notice of a bill to repeal Art, 44, Chap, 16 relating to the settlement of controversies respecting rights of

Also, notice to amend Section 14. Chapter 71 of the Penal Code relating to the right of natives to leave the country.

Mr. Hitchcock moved that \$5,000 be appropriated for the Hilo Boarding School for Committee on Education.

GRDER OF THE DAY.

Consideration of the report of the Judiciary Committee on Section 1442 of the Civil

The House went into Committee of the

Whole. Mr. Wilder took the chair. After a brief discussion the bill passed as also did the amendment to Section 1445 proposed by the Attorney-General.

Bill ordered to be read a third time on Wednesday next.

Third reading of a bill to amend Section 780 of the Civil Code.

Mr. Godfrey Brown pointed out the objects of this bill which provided for another representative for the district of Kohala and one for Makawao.

Bill passed.

At 4:20 P. M. the House adjourned until P. M. Tuesday (to-day).

NINETEENTH DAY.

Tues. AY, May 20, 1884.

House met at 1 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

PETITIONS. Mr. Kamakele presented a petition from Makawao, praying that the President of the Board of Health, Dr. Fitch and a committee from the Legislature visit Kala-

cured or well. Referred to Sanitary Com-Mr. Cecil Brown presented a petition from 14 Chinese firms, praying that certain amendments be made to the passport law, Referred to Judiciary Commit-

wao, and release those who are nearly

Mr. Keau presented a petition from tention to introduce a bill to incorporate Koolauloa, praying that a railroad be a banking corporation to be known as the built around the island of Oahu. Re- Hawaiian National Banking Corporation. ferred to Committee on Public Lands,

Mr. Nakaleka presented a petition praying that the pay of the police on Molokai be increased to \$30 a month. Referred to Committee of 13.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. The President announced to the Assembly that he had received the opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Court on the resolution submitted to them relating to the isolation and seclusion of lepers at

Kalawao and Kakaako. Mr. Cleghorn moved that the report be translated and printed. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Keau read for the first time a bill to provide a permanent settlement on the widow of the late D. L. Kinimaka, Passed to second reading.

Mr. Palohau read for the first time a bill relating to the collection of taxes from Chinese rambling about the country. Passed to second reading.

Mr. Kaulukou moved that the Justices of the Supreme Court be tendered the thanks of the Assembly and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to them.

Mr. Palohau thought it would be better if the opinion of the Judges was first printed and circulated. Motion to print

Mr. Palohau gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to provide a permanent settlement on Mr. Kauai, a former member of the Assembly and who was a Judge on Kauai for 20 years, now afflicted with leprosy.

Mr. Frank Brown moved that the Atterney-General be requested to instruct the Marshal and his deputies to enforce the law relating to the observance of the Sabbath.

Mr. Brown said he had no doubt this resolution would meet with a hearty support. It is very necessary that all laws be enacted, and if found impracticable, they be either amended or repealed.

Mr. Dole said it seems almost like a joke to call upon the police to carry out a law; that is what they appointed for, They can hardly have a better recognition of the uselessness of the Sabbath law by passing such a resolution as this. He in-Mr. Kapena said he was in favor of it be- | tended to bring in a bill on this subject to amend the present law.

Mr. Kanealii read for the first time a bill to regulate the duties of school teachers in schools where the English language is taught in this Kingdom. Read a second time by its title.

Mr. Kaunamano moved that it be referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Frank Brown read for the first time a bill to amend Section 8, Chapter 41 of the Session Laws 1876, relating to currency. Read a second time by its title.

Mr. Widemann said this money question was one that has been agitating the community very much for a long time. It behooved them to give it their best attention. He therefore moved that it be referred to a special committee, and that Mr. J. Mott Smith be appointed chairman of that

Mr. Dole seconded the motion. This \$100. He thought the amendment a good

Mr. Nahinu gave notice of a bill to money matter is one that is bound to come up sooner or later and they had better get the apinion of a committee on this item in order to consider the whole question.

Mr. Kaulnkou said it appeared this bill was brought in in consequence of a "By Authority?' notice to the effect that all duties were to be paid in United States gold coin on and after the 1st June.

Mr. Widemann thought they better tackle the question now, so that they would know what they are going to do about it.

The bill was referred to the following select committee:

Messrs, J. Mott Smith, S.B. Dole, S.G. Wilder, Attorney-General, Minister of Finance, Frank Brown and John Richard.

The Minister of Finance gave notice of his intentiou to introduce a bill to regulate the currency, and amend the law of 1876 relating to currency. Mr. Kauwila moved that in a case where

taxes had been paid twice, the second payment be refunded. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. J. T. Baker moved that whereas it is proper that certain Ahuis be encouraged. resolved that \$4,000 be appropriated for the assistance of these societies. Mr. Palohau moved that the resolution

be indefinitely postponed. They were religious societies and should not require aid from this Assembly. Mr. Keau thought they were worthy of

support, and spoke at length on behalf of the associations.

Resolution indefinitely postponed. Mr. Cecil Brown gave notice of his in-

Mr. Keau moved that \$1,500 be appropriated for waterpipes to be laid to the Iwilei district. Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

to introduce a bill to amend Section 1,477 of the Civil Code relating to the specific rights of the people.

Mr. Amara gave notice of his intention

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Second reading of a bill to amend Section 8, Chapter 32, of the Penal Code, relating to the offence of libel.

Mr. Palchau moved the bill be referred

Mr. Kaulukou asked for an explanation

He said there were certain papers published in this city that criticise the members of this Assembly very severely and commit the offence of libel every day.

to a special committee.

from the introducer of the bill, of its ob-Mr. Smith said it was not a matter of much consequence. The law as it stands was evidently a misprint at the time it was enacted. The imprisonment provided for was severer than a mere fine. It could not have been the intention of the Assembly to provide a heavier penalty for the lesser offence. In the first degree the Court has the discretion of inflicting a fine or imprisonment, whereas in the second

degree there is no discretion allowed. Mr. Widemann asked what was the reason of bringing in this bill? He did not remember of ever having heard of any fine or imprisonment for libel in this country during the many years he had lived here. If any change at all, the punishment ought to be doubled or trebled. For a man to come out under an assumed name and libel another, was a most heinous offence, and the perpetrators of such an act ought to be scorched. He moved

nite postponement as he considered that any change in the present law was unnec-Mr. Dole said the change was simply putting a discretion in the hands of the Court, that is, whether the punishment be

that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Kaulukou was in favor of its indefi-

imprisonment or fine. The Hon. Noble who moved the indefinite postponement said he had never known of a conviction under the Statute. The chances were if the proposed amendment were not passed he never would know if such a conviction. There are cases where a jury would convict if the Court had the discretion in the mode of punishment. The offence in the second degree necessitating imprisonment, a jury would very likely give the benefit of the doubt in favor of the prisoner, therefore if amended and passed, a conviction would be more easily obtained. In a great many cases in which the parties libelled considered they are entitled to damages, it is purely a matter of opinion and very difficult for a jury to decide what was intended by the remarks that were made. A great many cases of libel are not like other crimes and juries hesitate before visiting punishment of any kind, He would be willing to see the fine for the offence in the second degree incresed to